

## CENTER STREET METHODISTS WILL SLAY WHITE ELEPHANT--CAMPAIGN BEGINS NEXT MONDAY



### EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE MEANS TWO

And this is how it is done. THE CENTER STREET METHODIST CHURCH has an indebtedness of \$3500. The BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION has agreed to give a DOLLAR FOR EVERY DOLLAR we raise until the debt is paid, PROVIDED it is done by Jan. 1st. OUR TIME IS SHORT. Help us clear OUR CHURCH OF DEBT. No church or enterprise can do its best burdened with debt. Our big "WHITE ELEPHANT" has hindered us for SIX years. HELP US GET RID OF HIM. A friend in NEED is a friend in DEED. This \$3500 is too much for us to raise alone. HELP us NOW and we will HELP you later. Give and it shall be given unto you. December 10 to 17 is the time set for CAMPAIGN. THIS IS A BIG undertaking, but TUCUMCARI is NOTED for doing BIG things.



WATCH FOR THE WHITE ELEPHANT in the window of the AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK. See him PAINTED BLACK.

#### CAMPAIGN PROGRAM AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

**Monday 7:30 P. M.**  
Piano Solo—"Humoresque" Dvorak  
Marian A. Pearson  
Reading—"Here's the Way you Look" (Riley)  
Pauline Wetherford  
Reading—"The Bumble Bee" Riley  
Claudia Brander  
Reading—"Aunt Elnora's Hero" Hazel Allen  
Reading—"Scene from Helen's Babies" Evelyn Troupe  
Reading—"The Innocent Traveling Man" Lucille Wharton  
Song—"Mother Machree" Misses Barnes and Shaff  
Reading—"Sisterly Scheme" Rebecca Everest  
Reading—"Scene from the Christian" Arabell de Oliveira  
Reading—"Billy's Diplomacy" Vera Hamilton  
Reading—"A Critical Situation" Eva Braun  
Vocal Solo—"I Love You Truly" Helen Louise Ernst  
Reading—"Scene from Peck's Bad Boy" Lucille Wharton

**Tuesday 7:30 P. M.**  
"An Old Time Concert"  
Piano Solo—"Old Black Joe" Mrs. Roy Lawson  
Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation" Led by Mr. Caruthers  
Ladies' Quartet—"Old Folks at Home"  
Piano Duet—"Witches Flight"  
Miss Shelby and Cynthia Elkins  
Solo—"Mrs. E. W. Jackson"  
Male Quartet—"Old Classics"  
Round.  
Dialogue—"Aunt Prue"  
Piano Trio—"Mrs. Lawson, Miss Shelby and Cynthia Elkins"  
Violin Solo—"The Arkansas Traveler"  
Mr. Saxon  
Piano Solo—"Old Folks at Home"  
Cynthia Elkins  
Medley—"Old Songs"—Chorus.  
Piano Solo—"Souvenirs"  
Don Hittson

**Wednesday 7:30 P. M.**  
"Nearer My God to Thee"  
Hymn—"Nearer My God to Thee"  
Audience  
Anthem—"Nearer My God to Thee"  
Choir  
History—"Nearer My God to Thee"  
Rev. E. D. Lewis  
Piano Solo—"Mrs. Stanfill"  
Ladies' Quartet—  
Violin Solo—Rev. Hoering.  
Vocal Duet—"Mrs. Hittson and Mrs. Geba."  
Quartet—"Messrs. and Mesdames Boyer and Jackson."  
Vocal Solo—"Dillon Cobb Brown."  
Pantomime—

#### Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

"Pageant of Mission"  
Piano Duet—"Marian Pearson and Eva Braun."  
Vocal Solo—"His Lullaby" Dillon Cobb Brown  
Pageant—"Womans' Missionary Society"  
**Friday, 7:30 P. M.**  
"Business Men's Night"  
Piano Duet—"Alfred Snyder and Don Hittson."  
Chorus—"Railroad Men's Choral Club."  
Talk—"The Church and School" Prof. Shadwick  
Male Quartet  
Talk—"The Community and Church" T. A. Muirhead  
Solo—"Prof. Jackson."  
Talk—"The Church and Society" C. H. Alldredge  
Violin Solo—"Ralph Paddock."  
Talk—"The Church and the Young People"—R. Z. Boyer.  
Piano Solo—"Ernest Paddock."

Informal Social Hour with refreshments served by the Ladies of the Church. No admission charged, but a free-will offering will be taken to be applied on Church debt.

#### BOOK SHOWER FOR NEW LIBRARY AT CHURCH

The Baptist Young Peoples' Union of the First Baptist church will be ready to receive new books for their library Monday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p. m., at the Baptist church.

On that evening they will entertain all of their patrons with the following program:

Song—"Choir and Congregation."  
Invocation—Rev. Maddox.  
Song—"Ladies' Quartet, Miss Gardner, Mrs. B. D. Crimm, Miss Sandusky and Mrs. Chapman."  
Recitation—"Gladys Pack."  
Instrumental Duet—"Ethel Whitmore and Cynthia Elkins."  
Reading—"Maple Robertson."  
Vocal Duet—"Mrs. Pack and Miss Staley."  
Address—"Prof. W. D. Shadwick."  
Vocal Solo—"Zilla Crimm."  
"Your Library"—President of B. Y. P. U.  
Benediction—"S. H. Neafus."  
We want YOU to be there!

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At 11 a. m. next Sunday there will be the regular morning service in the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor. There will be no evening service in this church, however, as a union service conducted by the various Young Peoples' Societies will be held in the Methodist church, beginning at 7 o'clock.  
Sunday school 10 a. m.

## BIG SPANISH GRANT DEAL IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY OFFICIALS

While the Spanish Land Grant recently filed in Quay county is causing much speculation among property owners the loan companies are paying little attention to it. It seems to be such a farce that nothing detrimental will come from it, but the filing was made perhaps to keep some eastern shark from landing behind the bars for carrying on a gigantic swindle. A number of small sales have been made in addition to the large deals consummated recently and still no record was to be found in Quay county where the land is located. However, if the grant proves a farce as it now seems someone should be made to pay for the trouble it will cause in after years to the property owners when they must have the account of the filing inserted in their abstracts. Uncle Sam's authorities are now working on the matter and it is hoped they will be able to dispose of it without any difficulty.

The following letter from S. Burkhardt, U. S. Attorney for New Mexico, is self-explanatory and throws some new light on the recent Spanish grant filed in Quay county:

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 2, 1916  
R. P. Donohoe, Esq., Tucumcari, N. M.  
Dear Sir:—  
I have your letter of November 30 enclosing certificate of the County Clerk as to certain deeds filed in the Probate Clerk's office referring to the alleged Beale Grant. If my recollection serves me, this so-called grant was presented to Congress and was not confirmed and afterwards it was presented to the Court of Private Land Claims and rejected.

On the face of it, I cannot see how anyone could consider this instrument a cloud upon the Government's title to the lands covered by it. The Court of Private Land Claims was established for the purpose of settling and determining all claims to lands under grants from Mexico or Spain and all claims not so presented and confirmed were barred from consideration thereafter. The papers filed do not in any way refer to any action of the Court of Private Land Claims or of Congress. However, I will take the matter up with the Department for instructions.

Respectfully,  
S. BURKHARDT,  
United States Attorney.

#### BAY VIEW CLUB MEETS

The Bay View Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Wingrove on Wednesday, November 29 with 14 members present. The program was much enjoyed, especially the music.

The Bay View Double Quartet composed of Mesdames Allen and Wingrove, Meeker and Hinds, Jones and Dodson, Donohoe and Finegan, under the leadership of Mrs. Meeker and Mrs. Read as pianist, gave a very pleasing selection and responded to an encore with "The Catechist." At the close of the program, the social committee gave the members an agreeable surprise in the form of a birthday party, this being the Club's tenth anniversary. Refreshments were served observing the Club colors—green and white.

The next meeting is the Annual Luncheon at which time each member has the pleasure of inviting a guest. This will be held at the home of Mrs. Braun, on December 13 at 1 p. m.

Well, anyhow Benson and Hanly were relieved of a lot of suspense.

## A COMMUNITY XMAS TREE IN TUCUMCARI BACKED BY CITIZENS

Tuesday evening of this week, committees from the Presbyterian, Christian, Episcopal and Methodist churches met together to discuss the matter of going into a union Christmas program, having for its aim and object the giving rather than the receiving of Christmas presents. It has long been a custom of churches and Sunday schools to give presents to the children of the church membership, as a rule in the past, the churches have individually rendered Christmas programs, including Christmas trees, Santa Claus, etc. After the conference Tuesday night the joint committee, it was decided that this year, the churches would dispense with the giving of gifts to their children and would all join in staging a big Christmas entertainment what is termed "Community Christmas" at the Opera House the evening of Friday, December 22. Accordingly a committee, composed of the following named parties was appointed as a program committee, and they have already announced a Pantomime and a Cantata as a part of the program.

Rev. Hoering, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Kerlin, Mrs. E. E. Clark, and Mrs. Roy Lawson. Rev. Hoering will be musical director, which will insure a most splendid musical program. C. A. Powers, the new manager of the Opera House, has very kindly donated the use of the Opera House for the occasion.

Admission to this program will be free, and the entire public is invited to attend, and every citizen is invited to bring with him, some gift in the shape of clothing, money or food, and after all of the gifts are collected, a distributing committee will distribute the gifts to the poor of Tucumcari and Quay county. A research committee composed of Mr. Finegan, Prof. Shadwick, Mrs. Bess, and Mrs. Herman Gerhardt, has been appointed to look out for needy cases, and any one knowing of families in need are requested to report to this committee.

This movement for a Community Christmas started by the churches, promises to grow into a real Community proposition. Every organization in town is being invited and it is expected that the following organizations will line up heartily behind the proposition.

Masons, Easter Star, Macabees, Woodman Circle, O. R. C., B. of L. P. & E. Federation of Women's Clubs, Bay View Club, Womans' Club, Parent Teachers Organization, Commercial Club, Christian Church, Presbyterian Church, Episcopal Church, Elks Royal Arch, Woodman of the World, Royal Neighbors, B. of L. E., Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Moose, Homesteaders and B. of R. T.

Some of these organizations have already acquiesced in this plan, and the Chamber of Commerce will do its part in making this one of the biggest events ever pulled off in Tucumcari.

The ladies who are calling upon the various organizations report their success so far in every case.

There will be a receiving committee at the Opera House all day Friday, Dec. 22, and all day Saturday, the 23rd, a distributing committee will also be at work sorting out and distributing the presents. Citizens are requested not to send in any old clothes unless they are in very good condition.

It is said that there is considerable poverty in Tucumcari and vicinity, and in the rural districts. It is hoped and believed that every one in Tucumcari who is able to do so, will attend this Community Christmas entertainment and bring along some gifts for those who are less fortunate.

#### GOING NICELY

The revival services at the Christian church are growing in interest right along. Brother Dean is bringing us man-size messages which are much appreciated. Miss Gardner sang one of her beautiful solos Monday evening and is arranging considerable other special music. The chorus has been good and, by the time this appears, we trust it will be of sufficient size to prove of exceptional inspirational value. Best of all, a number are thinking seriously of the really serious side of life. Listen, Mr. Man: Have you a definite object in life? If you were anxious to reach New York you would not start for Seattle. If you desire to give the world a life; if you wish to rear a life structure of which you may be proud; if you wish to approach the Great Judge with joy; your life must be an ordered life. We are here to help you. Come and give us a chance.  
Norris J. Reasoner, Minister.

## PRINTER WANTED

Good printer-pressman wanted at News office. No booze, cigarette fiend need apply. It's a real man's job.

## H. L. MILLER FORMER QUAY COUNTMAN DIES AT HEREFORD

Mrs. H. L. Miller arrived this week from Hereford, Texas, to look after the family property interests here. Her husband, H. L. Miller, who was here only a few weeks ago after the last load of household goods and took them back to Hereford, had reached his home and gone to work in the country near Hereford. He was suddenly taken sick with appendicitis on Thursday Nov. 23rd and died Saturday Nov. 25th.

Mr. Miller was well and favorably known in this county. He was a leading Democrat at Puerto and lived on his farm near Barancoes for many years. A number of Tucumcari folks had spent pleasant days with him and his estimable family and had learned to greatly admire a man of such a high character.

A few months ago Mr. Miller and wife thought best to move to Hereford and were getting along splendidly when the unexpected attack of that dreaded disease, appendicitis, took the life of Mr. Miller within two days after it made its first appearance.

The friends here join the News in extending sympathy to the bereaved wife and two daughters in this hour of sadness.

The remains were buried at Hereford on Sunday the 26th.

## GOOD ROADS MEETING AT COURT HOUSE ON NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

Every male citizen in Quay county is invited to attend an open meeting of the Quay county Chamber of Commerce which will be held in the Court House Monday evening, Dec. 11, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be a smoker, and a male quartet will furnish some special music for the occasion. The meeting will be held for the purpose of discussing ways and means of getting Quay county roads into better condition. This is indeed a subject of the hour, and one in which citizens residing in every section of the County are interested. It is hoped that every farmer who reads this announcement will accept this invitation to attend the meeting referred to and come prepared to give their views on the matter which it is proposed to discuss. There has been considerable discussion of late in regard to Quay county roads, and nearly every day conversations in regard to our bad roads can be heard on the streets of Tucumcari. It is believed that this is the time for the citizens from all over the county to get together with the view of whipping out a common understanding, and for laying plans for improving the condition of the roads. This meeting has been called for this purpose, and it is expected that representatives will be in Tucumcari Monday from all over the county.

During the past week a committee of taxpayers met and framed up some suggestions in regard to the movement for better roads which they have written up under the head of "Quay County Needs." This article will be read at the Court House next Monday night. Citizens are requested to be present and hear what is going to be done and be prepared to discuss matters concerning good roads. Let ever public spirited citizen line up and help boost this meeting, and this invitation is extended to YOU. This is not a movement of the residents of Tucumcari alone, but of the entire county; however Tucumcari folks are invited as well as those residing in other towns and in the farming districts.

#### NEW PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZEN

Mr. C. A. Powers, the new manager of the Opera House, called at the office of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday, and made the statement that the Chamber might use the Opera House at any time for their meetings for only the expense of light and heat.

This is greatly appreciated as it is often that a large hall is needed, and the opera house is one of the most suitable places in which to hold the meetings.

The people of Tucumcari are always glad to receive as new residents of the town, such public spirited citizens as Mr. Powers.

#### LANG-FISHER

O. S. Lang, son of J. E. Lang, and Miss Maud Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fisher, of near Plain, were united in marriage in Tucumcari Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage, by the pastor Rev. Maddox. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends. They were accompanied to town by Mr. and Mrs. Herman DeOliviera.

Mr. Lang has already prepared a new house on his farm near Puerto, and had it furnished ready for occupancy. The News joins their many friends in wishing them a long and prosperous married life.

## TWO HORSES STOLEN AND HAY STACK FIRED --THIEVES GET AWAY

Monday night about mid-night the Sheriff's office was called by phone and notified that Oscar Jahn's feed stack was on fire and help was wanted at once, as it looked like his barns and dwelling was likely to burn.

Mr. Jahn mentioned that he supposed the feed stacks had been set on fire as the fire was raging in two different parts of the stack-yard. Fred White, Tom Horton, and several other persons drove out to the Jahn's place and assisted in putting out the fire.

One rick of bundle maize, containing about fifteen tons, was partially burned, and a stack of hay was completely destroyed.

Instructions were given to the family to stay within boundaries of the yard, to save a possibility of destroying tracks. A wire was sent to Pratt, Kas., asking the sheriff there to send his blood hounds on first train. Information was received later that it was impossible to get the dogs here on time. Messrs. Ward and Winter were on the ground Tuesday morning and found tracks; also found that two of Mr. Jahn's horses were missing.

It is thought by some that this setting fire to the feed was a clever ruse to allow the thieves or thief to get well on their way before the loss of the horses was discovered. There is no law severe enough to punish such a contemptible cur. The stealing of the horses was bad enough, but the limit was reached when fire was set to the feed stacks. Mr. Jahn is a farmer and keeps a number of cows and other stock and this loss is pretty hard for him to bear at this time of year. It is hoped the guilty party will be arrested and punished.

#### PROGRAM OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING, DECEMBER 25, 1916

Following is the program for the Fifth Sunday meeting to be held at Good Hope Church, beginning Friday night December 25, 1916.

**Friday Night**  
6:30 p. m.—Devotional, G. W. Stratton  
7:00 p. m.—Sermon J. W. Huggins.

#### Saturday

9:30 a. m.—Devotional, Willie Murdock.  
10:00 a. m.—Who are the two witnesses spoken of in Rev. 11-13; J. P. Masterson and E. M. Waller.  
11:00 a. m.—Sermon, J. H. Bridges.  
**Dinner on Ground**  
1:30 p. m.—Song service led by Willie Murdock.  
2:00 p. m.—Why are Baptists called "close communists?" Willie Hall and W. A. Dodson.  
3:00 p. m.—What is the nature of sin for refusing to send the Gospel to the heathen and what will become of them without the Gospel? Bro. Green, Bailey and J. N. Crenshaw.

#### Saturday Night 6:30

Devotional—W. A. Vanzant.  
7:00 p. m.—What does it take to make a good pastor?—J. P. Nelson, M. B. McDonald, and H. L. Honeycutt.  
7:45 p. m.—Sermon J. P. Masterson.

#### Sunday 9:30 a. m.

Devotional—Bro. Thompson, pastor at Hudson.  
10:00 a. m.—What is the meaning of Born of Water, in John 3-5, J. W. McDonald, Rev. Thompson of Hudson.  
11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. Maddox  
**Dinner on Ground**

#### 1:30 p. m.—Song service.

2:00 p. m.—When did Christ establish his church? J. H. Bridges and Others.

6:30 p. m.—Devotional. Mr. Robertson of Kirk.

7:00 p. m.—What is good Gospel singing worth to our Church Work? Arch McDonald and Melton Reece.

7:45 p. m.—Sermon by Bro. E. M. Waller.

#### COAL FAMINE HERE

Clovis, as well as several eastern New Mexico towns and cities are threatened with a very dangerous coal famine. Coal dealers are out of coal and many families have only a small supply on hand and no telling when any can be had.

Clovis will probably have to shut down her lighting plant on account of short fuel supply. Local dealers, who have been able to secure any coal at all, have restricted their customers to 1,000 pounds each to partially supply the immediate needs of their customers, but if something is not done towards getting a larger supply before another cold spell there will be hundreds who will suffer from lack of sufficient fuel.

—House Pioneer News.

Mr. Bryan is dead set against Democ-rye-cy.